(b) whether it is also a fact that the main reason attributed to this has been the poor performance by its overseas offices in addition to poor quality of service; and

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Air India's share of the passenger traffic to from India has gone down from 24.6% in 1990 to 20.8% in 1999 according to preliminary estimates Air India carried 31,65,872 passengers in 1998-99 as against 21, 61, 364, in 1990-91.

Discontinuance of Calcutta-Tokyo service by AIR INDIA

3221. SHRI DIPANKER MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has decided to discontinue its Calcutta-Tokyo flights; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Air India has decided to discontinue the Calcutta-Tokyo flights with effect from 26th March 2000 as the same are now routed *via* Delhi instead of Calcutta. This has been done in order to improve profitability of route by better deployment of aircraft as per demand pattern.

Pilot Training Institute

†3222. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government are running an institute to impart training to the pilots to fly aircrafts;

(b) if so, the location of this institute alongwith the number of students being admitted every year in the institute; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.